
Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court

Statistical Report

for Injury Years 1998 – 2003

This report summarizes information reported to the court by employers and insurers for work-related injuries and illnesses that occurred during calendar years 1998 through 2003, regardless of the year in which the reports were filed. The data includes information reported through April 30, 2004 and is compiled in the tables described below in accordance with the year in which the injury occurred.

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Table 1 — Injuries Reported by Gender						
	Year of Injury					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Female	20,195	20,719	22,255	24,362	24,499	24,298
Male	30,667	32,469	36,581	40,001	40,377	42,016
Unreported	1,796	4,611	4,173	2,759	2,102	993
Total	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307

Table 2 — Injuries Reported by Age						
	Year of Injury					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
17 Years & Under	642	799	907	1,192	1,170	1,118
18-19 Years	1,797	1,850	2,197	2,764	2,625	2,646
20-29 Years	13,164	14,326	15,465	17,272	17,172	17,115
30-39 Years	12,165	13,608	15,197	16,898	17,379	17,502
40-49 Years	13,232	13,865	14,872	15,477	14,825	14,529
50-59 Years	8,612	8,553	8,719	8,599	8,436	7,777
60-69 Years	2,562	2,341	2,385	2,333	2,242	2,133
70+ Years	448	479	431	426	378	352
Unreported	36	1,978	2,836	2,161	2,751	4,135
Total	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307

Table 3 — Injuries Reported by Occupation*						
	Year of Injury					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Administrative Support, Clerical	2,971	3,244	3,538	3,774	3,617	3,662
Executive, Administrative, Managerial	831	835	1,106	1,452	1,266	1,592
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	732	913	1,239	1,330	1,291	1,351
Handlers, Helpers, Laborers	18,033	18,965	19,583	19,168	20,183	21,360
Operators, Fabricators, Laborers	2,810	3,474	4,564	5,172	5,538	5,924
Precision Production, Craft, Repair	5,530	6,395	7,853	9,815	9,368	9,638
Professional Specialty	2,555	2,781	2,775	3,172	2,732	2,671
Sales	2,994	3,047	3,173	3,111	3,000	2,746
Service	9,400	10,660	11,244	11,934	12,127	11,388
Technicians, Related Support	2,146	2,497	2,218	2,347	2,255	1,956
Transportation	4,656	4,988	5,716	5,847	5,601	5,017
Other	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307

* Classified according to the Standard Occupational Classification system of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table 4 — Injuries Reported by Part of Body*						
	Year of Injury					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Back	7,882	9,075	9,724	9,872	9,033	8,360
Body As A Whole	36	22	1	1	0	0
Head	5,796	6,504	7,138	7,778	7,344	7,816
Knee	3,557	3,691	3,961	4,059	3,919	3,737
Lower Extremities	5,764	6,175	6,713	7,283	7,359	7,119
Multiple Body Parts	4,708	5,091	6,061	6,201	7,005	7,714
Neck	854	1,034	1,128	956	990	807
Trunk	2,626	2,816	3,033	3,757	4,482	4,984
Upper Extremities	18,841	20,509	22,094	23,820	23,577	23,568
Wrist	2,594	2,882	3,156	3,395	3,269	3,202
Total	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307

* Classified according to the Detailed Claim Information format of the National Council on Compensation Insurance.

Table 5 — Injuries Reported by Cause of Injury*						
	Year of Injury					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Burn/Scald-Heat/Cold Exposure	1,832	2,303	2,943	3,086	2,864	2,974
Caught In Or Inbetween	2,382	2,411	2,729	2,867	2,526	2,519
Fall Or Slip Injury	9,511	9,174	11,544	10,534	10,838	10,357
Injured By Cut, Puncture Or Scrape	5,756	6,474	7,080	8,827	9,762	10,161
Motor Vehicle	1,068	1,181	1,231	1,188	1,230	1,229
Rubbed Or Abraded	213	238	211	237	151	153
Strain	15,903	18,412	19,035	20,827	20,936	20,297
Striking Against Or Stepping On	3,325	3,565	3,756	3,427	2,767	2,754
Struck	6,925	7,661	7,535	8,273	8,299	8,225
Miscellaneous Causes	5,743	6,380	6,945	7,856	7,605	8,638
Total	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307

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Table 6 — Injuries Reported by Nature of Injury*						
	Year of Injury					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Amputation	125	144	155	187	144	140
Bruise Or Swelling	9,345	9,700	10,826	11,018	9,848	7,867
Burn Or Exposure	1,493	1,781	1,909	2,088	2,181	2,432
Cut Or Abrasion	11,805	13,132	14,181	15,616	15,824	16,207
Fracture	1,928	1,928	2,185	2,263	2,158	2,126
Multiple Injuries	768	819	1,021	1,305	1,975	2,570
Occupational Disease	471	501	546	629	534	525
Repetitive Motion	1,091	1,217	1,204	1,313	1,050	833
Sprain Or Rupture	19,911	22,448	24,290	23,530	21,812	20,381
All Other Claims, NOC	5,721	6,129	6,692	9,173	11,452	14,226
Total	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307

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Table 7 — Injuries Reported by Industry*						
	Year of Injury					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Accommodation & Food Services	2,674	3,149	3,220	3,767	3,856	3,692
Administrative & Support, Waste Management, & Remediation Services	2,639	2,761	2,283	2,821	2,938	2,511
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	1,078	1,216	1,294	1,551	1,322	1,187
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	234	159	143	158	123	130
Construction	3,668	4,034	4,455	5,176	5,376	5,774
Educational Services	2,796	2,808	3,113	2,908	3,494	3,687
Finance & Insurance	611	742	1,199	1,620	964	785
Health Care & Social Assistance	6,927	6,724	6,551	6,906	7,897	7,673
Information	839	761	684	749	1,581	1,774
Company & Enterprise Management	237	129	128	93	76	95
Manufacturing	10,268	12,099	14,562	16,913	16,840	18,278
Mining	156	149	160	157	100	110
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	981	1,552	1,834	1,520	876	863
Public Administration	5,510	5,913	5,997	5,047	3,144	2,598
Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing	353	380	415	495	486	462
Retail Trade	4,888	4,934	5,306	5,937	6,136	6,132
Transportation & Warehousing	4,041	4,756	5,292	5,230	5,325	4,918
Utilities	489	536	543	595	753	831
Wholesale Trade	2,855	3,167	3,541	4,105	4,423	4,632
Other Services	1,383	1,373	1,567	1,172	1,071	1,158
Unknown	31	457	722	202	197	17
Total	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307

* Classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual codes published by the Office of Management & Budget.

Table 8 — Payments Reported by Benefit Type						
	Year of Injury					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Temporary Partial						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$727,022.95	\$1,271,465.59	\$1,463,051.43	\$1,712,821.42	\$1,645,959.84	\$1,648,101.28
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	900	1,363	1,450	1,567	1,575	1,527
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$807.80	\$932.84	\$1,009.00	\$1,093.06	\$1,045.05	\$1,079.31
Temporary Total						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$10,425,467.00	\$19,681,954.50	\$27,102,686.78	\$27,012,297.12	\$26,977,447.76	\$24,541,607.04
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	4,623	5,878	6,356	6,483	6,554	6,636
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$2,255.13	\$3,348.41	\$4,264.11	\$4,166.64	\$4,116.18	\$3,698.25
Permanent Partial Scheduled						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$3,361,103.01	\$10,994,374.21	\$14,974,382.28	\$14,964,506.96	\$15,194,449.27	\$13,867,397.36
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	737	1,862	2,235	2,162	2,090	2,045
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$4,560.52	\$5,904.60	\$6,699.95	\$6,921.60	\$7,270.07	\$6,781.12
Permanent Partial Unscheduled						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$523,622.87	\$1,789,248.40	\$3,572,907.99	\$4,247,554.05	\$5,375,920.76	\$5,137,275.72
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	151	478	677	819	921	815
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$3,467.70	\$3,743.20	\$5,277.56	\$5,186.27	\$5,837.05	\$6,303.41
Permanent Total						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$49,400.26	\$173,301.67	\$107,579.18	\$331,212.23	\$496,482.36	\$620,644.80
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	15	28	14	16	15	21
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$3,293.35	\$6,189.35	\$7,684.23	\$20,700.76	\$33,098.82	\$29,554.51
Medical						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$52,240,860.35	\$85,907,770.66	\$92,697,619.06	\$97,622,612.49	\$89,529,961.82	\$82,662,361.57
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	29,290	32,026	32,334	35,339	36,379	38,404
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$1,783.57	\$2,682.44	\$2,866.88	\$2,762.46	\$2,461.03	\$2,152.44
Death						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$270,472.44	\$647,263.47	\$915,735.59	\$678,857.13	\$1,338,781.50	\$757,539.38
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	23	28	25	18	25	18
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$11,759.67	\$23,116.55	\$36,629.42	\$37,714.29	\$53,551.26	\$42,085.52
Settlement (Compromised Unspecified)						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$1,895,861.57	\$10,769,219.75	\$22,497,614.91	\$28,554,910.60	\$31,098,735.66	\$33,323,375.25
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	243	890	1,432	1,797	1,930	2,033
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$7,801.90	\$12,100.25	\$15,710.62	\$15,890.32	\$16,113.33	\$16,391.23

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Table 8 — Payments Reported by Benefit Type (Continued)						
	Year of Injury					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Vocational Rehabilitation						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$249,614.41	\$967,635.69	\$2,199,457.05	\$2,286,217.26	\$2,391,859.13	\$2,684,351.30
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	223	343	577	597	660	685
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$1,119.35	\$2,821.10	\$3,811.88	\$3,829.51	\$3,624.03	\$3,918.76
Other (includes legal fees, mileage, etc.)						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$991,523.41	\$1,844,889.50	\$3,138,677.30	\$3,180,937.89	\$2,893,155.86	\$2,999,273.81
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	425	1,305	3,218	3,692	3,492	3,901
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$2,333.00	\$1,413.71	\$975.35	\$861.58	\$828.51	\$768.85

Table 9 — Payments Reported by Injury						
	Year of Injury					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Temporary Partial						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$727,022.95	\$1,271,465.59	\$1,463,051.43	\$1,712,821.42	\$1,645,959.84	\$1,648,101.28
Total Injuries Reported	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$13.81	\$22.00	\$23.22	\$25.52	\$24.57	\$24.49
Temporary Total						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$10,425,467.00	\$19,681,954.50	\$27,102,686.78	\$27,012,297.12	\$26,977,447.76	\$24,541,607.04
Total Injuries Reported	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$197.98	\$340.52	\$430.14	\$402.44	\$402.78	\$364.62
Permanent Partial Scheduled						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$3,361,103.01	\$10,994,374.21	\$14,974,382.28	\$14,964,506.96	\$15,194,449.27	\$13,867,397.36
Total Injuries Reported	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$63.83	\$190.22	\$237.65	\$222.94	\$226.86	\$206.03
Permanent Partial Unscheduled						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$523,622.87	\$1,789,248.40	\$3,572,907.99	\$4,247,554.05	\$5,375,920.76	\$5,137,275.72
Total Injuries Reported	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$9.94	\$30.96	\$56.70	\$63.28	\$80.26	\$76.33
Permanent Total						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$49,400.26	\$173,301.67	\$107,579.18	\$331,212.23	\$496,482.36	\$620,644.80
Total Injuries Reported	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$0.94	\$3.00	\$1.71	\$4.93	\$7.41	\$9.22

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Table 9 — Payments Reported by Injury (Continued)						
	Year of Injury					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Medical						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$52,240,860.35	\$85,907,770.66	\$92,697,619.06	\$97,622,612.49	\$89,529,961.82	\$82,662,361.57
Total Injuries Reported	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$992.08	\$1,486.32	\$1,471.18	\$1,454.41	\$1,336.71	\$1,228.14
Death						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$270,472.44	\$647,263.47	\$915,735.59	\$678,857.13	\$1,338,781.50	\$757,539.38
Total Injuries Reported	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$5.14	\$11.20	\$14.53	\$10.11	\$19.99	\$11.25
Settlement (Compromised Unspecified)						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$1,895,861.57	\$10,769,219.75	\$22,497,614.91	\$28,554,910.60	\$31,098,735.66	\$33,323,375.25
Total Injuries Reported	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$36.00	\$186.32	\$357.05	\$425.42	\$464.31	\$495.10
Vocational Rehabilitation						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$249,614.41	\$967,635.69	\$2,199,457.05	\$2,286,217.26	\$2,391,859.13	\$2,684,351.30
Total Injuries Reported	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$4.74	\$16.74	\$34.91	\$34.06	\$35.71	\$39.88
Other (includes legal fees, mileage, etc.)						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$991,523.41	\$1,844,889.50	\$3,138,677.30	\$3,180,937.89	\$2,893,155.86	\$2,999,273.81
Total Injuries Reported	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$18.83	\$31.92	\$49.81	\$47.39	\$43.20	\$44.56
Total						
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$70,734,948.27	\$134,047,123.44	\$168,669,711.57	\$180,591,927.15	\$176,942,753.96	\$168,241,927.51
Total Injuries Reported	52,658	57,799	63,009	67,122	66,978	67,307
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$1,343.29	\$2,319.19	\$2,676.91	\$2,690.50	\$2,641.80	\$2,499.62